(b) if so, the amount of total capital investment from these sanctioned proposals; and

(c) the actual capital investment made under these proposals so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) The Government has approved foreign investment of Rs. 1532 crores during the period March, 1998 to July 2002 in the various sectors of food processing.

As per Reserve Bank of India, the total inflow of foreign investment in the processed food sector during the period April, 1998 to March, 2002 is Rs. 1211 crores approximately.

Setting up of assistance to FPIs

389. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Food Processing Units set up/or financially assisted by Government throughout the country, State-wise;

(b) the total number of agriculturists benefited by those units, State-wise; and

(c) the details of proposed food processing units with the financially assistance of Government to be set up in our country in the near future, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing units on its own. The Ministry, however provides financial assistance through its plan schemes for the development of processed food sector including setting up of food processing units. During the Ninth Plan period, a total of 284 units were assisted in different States of the country.

(b) Setting up of food processing units benefit farmers/agriculturists in the form of increase in employment, value addition, enhanced and assured market, etc. However, specific details in this regard are not available.

(c) Approval of financial assistance is given on the basis of technical and financial viability of the proposals received in a financial year and the amount is released as per availability of funds. As already stated, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up units on its own. As such the details of proposed processing units to be set up cannot be indicated.

Changes in IIT curriculum

390. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the kind of changes IIT Delhi propose to bring about in their curriculum to help students to reduce their work load and stress, as reported in the 'Times of India' of 16th August, 2002;

(b) the proposals for fresh areas of exposure; and

(c) whether the changes carry the overall approval of students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi proposes to bring about changes in its curriculum to help students to reduce their workload and stress by providing flexibility, reduced workload, design and project work, inter-disciplinary training, team work and managerial training, behavioral and ethical issue etc. in B. Tech., and Dual Degree (B. Tech. + M. Tech.) programmes as well as for various Post Graduate Programmes.

Work load of university teachers

391. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.G.C. has recently called upon the university teachers to increase their teaching workload;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Delhi University has implemented the U.G.C. formula in this regard?